
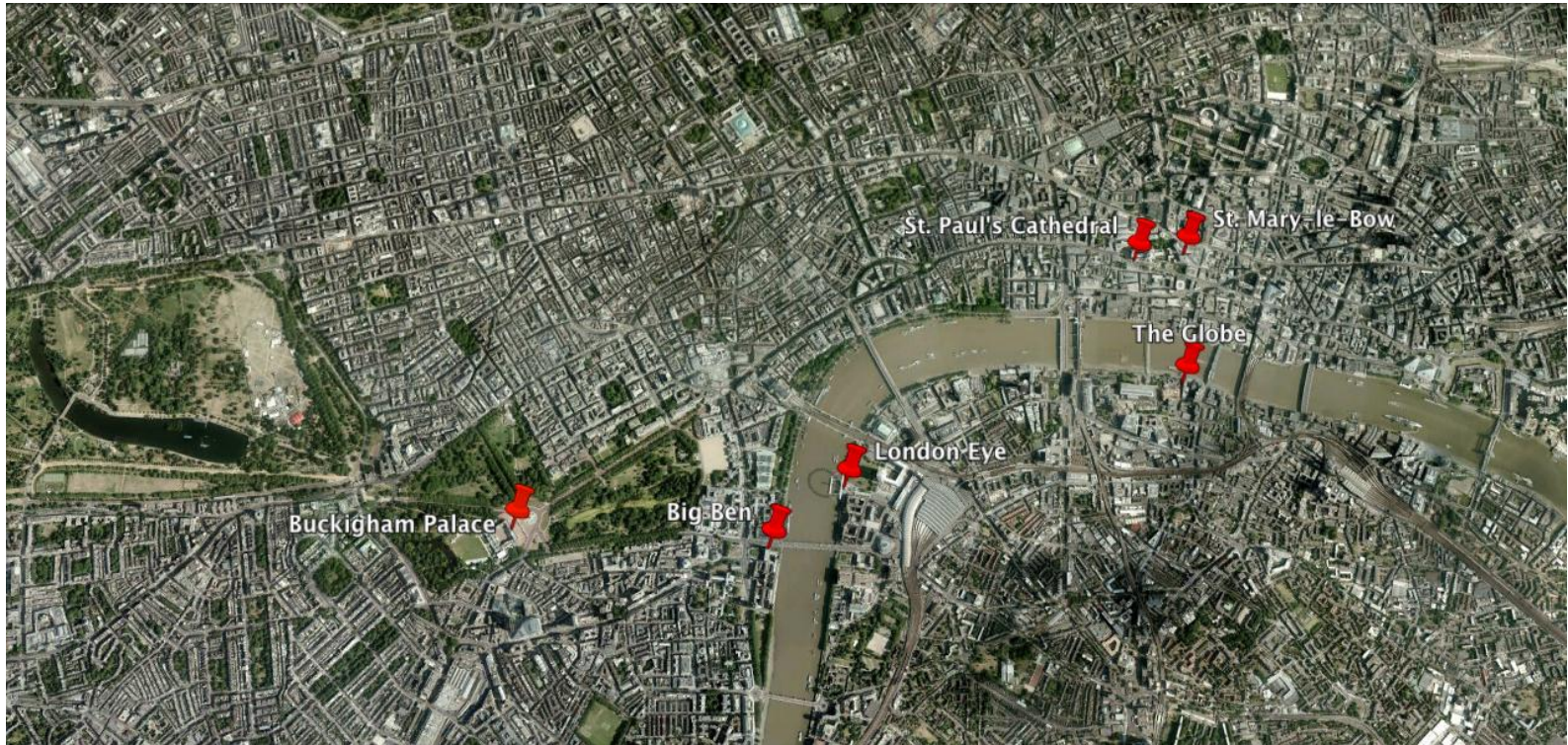


COCKNEY ENGLISH



HISTORY OF THE WORD "COCKNEY"

- It dates back to 14th century to refer to working-class East-Enders and their speech;
 - In 19th century it was limited at the lower orders, whose usage was disdained;
 - Today it refers to a range of usage centred on the East End of London and it is the core of workin-class London speech;
 - Oxford dictionary: a native of East London, traditionally one born within hearing of Bow Bells. (St. Mary-le-Bow)
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ST. MARY-LE-BOW: STREET VIEW

COCKNEY ACCENT: PHONETIC FEATURES

- *Th sound* /θ / and / ð / → /v/ /d/ /f/
thirty /'fə:|i/ mother /'mʌvə:/ this /'dis/
- *Words ending with /ə/* → /a/
fire /'fʌɪa/
- *T sound between two vowels* → *Glottal stop* / | /
better /'bɛ|a/
- /ʌɪ/ → /ɔɪ/
eyes /'ɔɪz/
- /aʊ/ → /æ/
cow /'kæ/
- *No initial h* → *home* /'əʊm/



How To Do A Cockney Accent

HOW WOULD YOU PRONOUNCE... ?

BRITISH ENGLISH

This maths thing

Butter

I like nice tights

Brown

How

Brother

COCKNEY ENGLISH

/ˈdɪs ˈmɑːs ˈfɪŋs/

/ˈbʌ|ə/

/ˈɔɪ ˈlʊɪk ˈnɔɪs ˈtɔɪts/

/ˈbræən/

/ˈæ/

/ˈbrʌvə/



COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG


History:

Unclear. Probably begun in 19th century in the thieves' cant, then become fashionable in the West End in 1930s. Widely known through comedy and drama on radio and tv.

Creative principle:

First create a two-part phrase that rhymes with a single original word, then clip off the second part of the phrase, so that an opaque synonym is created for the word.

APPLES AND PEARS → STAIRS → APPLE

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Watch the video
and listen
carefully. Find out
at least **5**
examples of
cockney rhyming
slang.

SOLUTIONS

NORTH AND SOUTH

→

MOUTH

I hit him in the north and south

BUTCHER'S HOOK

→

LOOK

Let's have a butcher's

PLATES OF MEAT

→

FEET


He's got huge plates of meat, mate!

TIT FOR TAT

→

HAT

Have you seen my tit for /titva/ ?



SOLUTIONS

TROUBLE AND STRIFE



WIFE

JAM JAR



CAR

PORK(Y) PIES



LIES

He's telling porkies

BIRD LIME



TIME (IN PRISON)

He's doing bird = he's in prison

TEA LEAF



THIEF



SOME MORE SLANG...

COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG

ENGLISH

Dog and bone

Phone

Adam and Eve

Believe

Tom Jones

Bones

Uncle Fred

Bread

Sausage and mash

Cash

Loaf of bread

Head



SOME MORE SLANG...

COCKNEY RHYMING SLANG

Runner beans

Dustbin lids

Eiffel Tower

Baked potato

Mickey Mouse

ENGLISH

Jeans

Kids

Shower

See you later

House



COCKNEY TEST: YOU'RE THE BEST!!!

EXERCISE 1: CROSSWORD

COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD WITH THE ACTUAL MEANING OF THE RHYMING SLANG EXPRESSIONS, AS A TRUE COCKNEY DOES!

EXERCISE 2: QUIZ

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS TO PROVE YOU WERE BORN WITHIN THE HEARING OF BOW BELLS!



THANK
YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
That's all folks!

